

HE TRIED TO PLEASE.
Speaker Boyer's Appointments More Than Satisfy the New Members.

A CRUSH FOR LITTLE JOBS.
An Expensive Contested Election Investigation.

TRYING TO WIPE OUT THE STATE DEBT.
An Economical Spasm—Too Much Money Spent on Pittsburgh—Senator Delamater Opposed to Wasting Time—The Jurisdiction of the Senate Questioned—Six Handicapped Applicants Confirmed—Scrub Women After Places—The Colored Election Recognized—Governor Beaver Wants to Wipe Out the State Debt—They Don't Like the Supreme Court's Gown.

The news from Harrisburg to-day is of a decidedly interesting and chatty character. Speaker Boyer has succeeded in pleasing nearly everybody in making his appointments, and congratulates himself thereat. The rush for anything in the nature of a public office is shown by the throngs of applicants for the positions of scrub-women. Governor Beaver will, through the Attorney General, push the suits against a number of large corporations to enforce the payment of taxes, and expects to collect enough money to pay off the State debt. The Osborne-Devlin Senatorial contest is progressing slowly, and is expected to prove very costly to the State.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
HARRISBURG, January 10.—The Legislature isn't showing much disposition to get down to work, although the committees have been announced a little earlier than usual. As there are 33 standing committees in the House, with an average membership of 25, the assignment of places is a very difficult task, and as many are necessarily disappointed because they are not as conspicuously recognized on the committees as they anticipated, it becomes a thankless one. Representative Boyer was greatly assisted in making his selections by reason of his having been the preceding speaker of the House, and because his re-election was generally conceded after the November election. The certainty of his success enabled him to devote weeks in arranging the committees, and when the Legislature met very little was left for him to do in that direction. His work hasn't been subjected to much adverse criticism, the general verdict being that he has performed his duty well. The new members are particularly well satisfied, as they have been given more than ordinary recognition.

An Economical Spasm.
The House had an economical spasm to-day. The Senate had made an amendment to a resolution largely increasing the number of copies of the Governor's message authorized to be printed, and the House voted down the extravagant change by an emphatic vote, after Representative Kaufman had expressed his amazement at the growing habit of printing bills and resolutions. The Senate was not excited to-day by any disturbing feature. There was a little debate on a proposition to adjourn from to-day until Tuesday, caused by the objection of Senator Delamater to the proposed waste of time. He suggested that the Senate could at least make a pretense of doing work by meeting on Monday evening next, and he succeeded in having adopted an amendment to the resolution fixing that night for the day of recess. Soon after the resolution as amended by Delamater was rescinded and the original proposition carried after Senator Gobin had stated that owing to the Senatorial investigation eight members of the Senate could not attend the session on Monday.

An Expensive Investigation.
He explained that the Committee on Elections would be in session during the day to give ex-Attorney General Cassidy an opportunity to make an argument on the jurisdiction of the Senate to inquire into the validity of Devlin's election, an investigation, by the way, which a Republican member of the committee said to-day would probably involve an expenditure of between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

The Senate confirmed over 600 appointments made by the Governor during the legislative recess of the past 19 months. Among other nominations confirmed was that of Samuel W. Pennypacker by a unanimous vote. There was a big rush of applicants for the positions of scrub women in the rotunda of the Capitol to-day. About 125 persons are required to keep the hall of the House and the committee rooms clean, and the number of women made application for places aggregated nearly 1,000. The rotunda was crowded long in advance of the hour for the announcement of the names of the lucky ones, and when the roll was completed disappointment was depicted on the countenance of many who failed to obtain the recognition which they expected.

Sharp Contest for Small Prizes.
The scrub women make, on the average, \$1 a week, for which they work two evenings. In the Senate 80 scrub women are employed, and they get the same pay allowed those of the House. The Senate appointments were made a few days ago, and over 200 applicants for the positions were disappointed. There is always a lively scramble for these humble places, but the demand at the present session was unprecedented in the number who applied for them and in the persistency with which they pressed their claims. There was a particularly large representation of colored women in the throng tonight at the capital, and the hearts of a considerable number were gladdened by the announcement that they had been appointed. There were very few Democratic women present, as they are not

WEAVER'S OBSTINACY.
Keeps the Wheels of Legislation Securely Deadlocked, and MAY YET GET HIM EXPELLED.

A Fund of \$50,000 Quietly Raised and Invested for Mrs. Sheridan.
BY GEORGE W. CHILDS AND MR. DREXEL.
An intimate friend of Blaine's says the latter will be Premier.

THE ONLY WAY OUT.
A Constitutional Amendment Necessary to Remedy the Municipal Middle.
HARRISBURG, January 10.—A constitutional amendment has been prepared, which is presented to the Legislature at an early day. It is believed to be the only way out of the confusion into which municipal affairs have been thrown by the Supreme Court decisions, and is expected to satisfy the citizens. The amendment is to be presented to the Legislature at an early day. It is believed to be the only way out of the confusion into which municipal affairs have been thrown by the Supreme Court decisions, and is expected to satisfy the citizens.

MUST DISCLOSE ALL.
The Attorney General Wants a Railroad to Tell All About a Bond Issue.
HARRISBURG, January 10.—The Attorney General of the State, not having been ready, the argument on the motion to dissolve the injunction against the Pittsburgh, Shenandoah and Lake Erie Railroad Company didn't take place to-day.

THAT LABEL SUIT.
Inspector Bonfield and Captain Schenck Make an Offer to the Times—The Paper Refuses All Compromises—News to Be Pushed.
CHICAGO, January 10.—To-night Inspector Bonfield and Captain Schenck sent a formal offer to the Times to submit the whole matter of their alleged corruption to the custody of the public, which the editors of the city, the trio to be selected by the Bench. It is urged by the officers that if the ordinary process of law is followed, it will be months before a decision can be reached, but that by the method suggested the public will be kept in the know, and the claim to be suffering by the long continued attacks on the police can be protected without delay.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.
The Places Filled by the Allegheny County Members.
HARRISBURG, January 10.—The committees of the House were announced to-day, and the Allegheny county members were placed as follows:

PARALLEL LINES.
An Important Utterance at the New York Railroad Meeting.
NEW YORK, January 10.—During the meeting of railroad presidents and bankers to-day, Mr. Pierpont Morgan said: "In regard to remarks made informally by Mr. Roberts about building parallel lines, and the attitude of the boards thereto, I am quite prepared to say in behalf of the houses represented here that if an organization can be formed practically on the basis submitted by the committee, with an executive committee upon which the bankers shall be represented, they will be prepared to say that they will not negotiate, and will do all in their power to prevent the negotiation of any securities for the construction of parallel lines or the extension of existing lines not unanimously approved by such an executive committee."

IMPORTANT ACTION.
Contract Let for the Construction of the Black Diamond Road.
PARKERSBURG, January 10.—Colonel Albert Boone, of Zanesville, sent word that at a meeting of stockholders of the Black Diamond Railroad, a mortgage of \$12,000,000 was ordered executed on the company's franchise, and that a contract was ordered let with Boone to build the entire road from Parkersburg to Clifton Forge, Va.

THE PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT.
Its Friends Will Endeavor to Push It to an Early Passage.
HARRISBURG, January 10.—Representative Dravo, of Beaver, has charge of the prohibitory amendment which will probably be introduced in the House to-morrow. An effort will probably be made by its

A QUIET DIVORCE.
That Will Cause a Flitter in Society—Mrs. Ben Harrison Free—Her Ex-Husband in a Nephew and a Namesake of the President-Elect.

THE READING HORROR.
Fully as Bad as the First Awful Reports Indicated it Would Be.
DAY DAWNS ON TERRIBLE SCENES.
The Number Killed Will Surely Reach 30 and Probably Many More.
ASSISTANCE FOR THE SORE AFFLICTED.
Already Public and Private Purses Are Pouring Out Their Contents.

UNCLE SAM ROBBED.
New York, January 10.—As soon as daylight dawned this morning upon the night of horror caused by the tornado, thousands of people thronged to the ruins of the mill. They looked upon a scene of desolation and ruin such as is seldom witnessed. The stack and the tower were all that were standing of what was the handsome manufacturing edifice in the city. In the cold morning air the aspect of the vast mass of wreckage and debris, composed of splintered beams, twisted and bent pieces of shafting, battered machines and great piles of brick, intermixed in inextricable confusion, was ghastly, sad and depressing.

A STRANGE CONTRAST.
One Sister Lies Cold in Death While the Other Is in the Arms of Her Lover.
NEW YORK, January 10.—Sadness and joy were strangely contrasted in the house of Mr. George W. Sackett, at 235 Madison street, Brooklyn, on Wednesday night. His 15-year-old daughter, Jessie Helgeson Sackett, lay dead in the front room on the second floor, while in the parlor underneath the Rev. Robert J. Kent was officiating at the marriage of Miss Sackett to Fred Baker Morris, in the presence of 60 guests.

A BLUE BOOK ON SUKIM.
Sir Evelyn Baring Tells What He Knows of the Late Sultan's Campaigns.
LONDON, January 10.—A blue book on Sukim affairs has just been issued. It shows that Sir Evelyn Baring foresaw that pressure would be made to induce the British to capture Handab, but that he opposed such a course, believing it to be impossible to transmute the Sudan without the occupation of Khartoum, which would require a large force.

SHE WANTS THE LUCRE.
The Duchess of Marlborough Appeals to Court for a Little Money.
NEW YORK, January 10.—Application was made to-day to Surrogate Ransom by Robert Sewell, representing the Duchess of Marlborough, and Mrs. Louis C. Hamner, to order requiring the executor of her former husband to pay his client \$300,000. The Duchess in her petition for this allowance stated that the income of the estate in the hands of the executors was \$350,000 a year.

A DANGEROUS INVENTOR.
He Shoots a Capitalist Who Declined to Aid Him.
ST. LOUIS, January 10.—Ward McManus, a well-known capitalist and real estate owner of this city, was called to the door of his residence to-day, by Henry Krig, and shot twice. The wounds are not serious. Krig had invented a car motor and applied to McManus for financial aid in bringing his invention before the public. McManus declined, and to-day's sensational shooting is the result. Krig escaped.

THE SAME OLD GAME.
Ohio Republican Senators Again Kick on the Organization of the Senate.
COLUMBUS, O., January 10.—The Republicans of the Senate had another bolt to-night in caucus, and the indications are that the trouble of last winter over the organization will be repeated. They could not agree on a candidate for the clerkship, and the Democrats will doubtless join the bolters and fill the vacancy to-morrow.

LOSS OVER \$1,000,000.
Niagara's New Suspension Bridge Blown Down—A Handsome Structure That Will Be Missed by Tourists Destroyed by the Gale.

BANKED ON A MASCOOT.
A Stock Exchange Tipster Suing for a Liberal Fee.
NEW YORK, January 10.—Three weeks ago next Sunday night V. K. Stevenson, the real estate broker, and Thomas H. Burchell, known on the stock exchange, where he operates as a room trader, as "Jack the Ripper," met for the first time at the Windsor Hotel. The other day a friend of Stevenson approached Burchell, and asked him to recover the \$1,000 which Stevenson alleged was his just and equitable recompense for information given to him by Burchell, which had enabled him to realize a handsome profit.

AT SIXES AND SEVENS.
Queer State of Affairs in One of South Carolina's Black Counties.
CHARLESTON, S. C., January 10.—A queer state of affairs prevails in Beaufort, one of the black counties of the seacoast. At the recent election two county tickets were in the field, both Republican tickets. The irregular or compromise ticket was defeated, and the regular ticket refused to surrender their offices. A day or two ago the Circuit Court issued a mandamus ordering the incumbents to turn over their offices to the successful candidates.

HE LIVED ON LIQUOR.
Electric Sugar Fraud Friend Long Ago Declared a Lunatic.
NEW YORK, January 10.—It was learned to-day that Fred. Friend, the originator of the electric sugar swindle, was pronounced insane by a physician who was called to see him in February last, and that he had evidently been living on champagne and brandy. It was also learned that the general analysis of the insane, and the Doctor said the man could not have been for a long time in a condition to invent anything.

BELIEVE IN SECRECY.
The National Farmers' Alliance Will Hereafter Work Without Noise.
DES MOINES, Iowa, January 10.—The National Farmers' Alliance, representing the Northwestern States, is in session here. Reports were received from different States showing the growth of the organization. In Iowa there are 885 branches of the alliance. The sentiment seemed to favor making the work of organization everywhere secret hereafter, as it is in Dakota, Nebraska and other States. President J. Burrows, of Nebraska, delivered the annual address. This afternoon and this evening a public meeting was addressed by Governor Lathrop, President Chamberlain, of the Agricultural College, and others.

THE SAME OLD STORY.
Another County Treasurer Will Hereafter Reside in Canada.
EAST SAGINAW, MICH., January 10.—Charles H. Dixon, Deputy County Treasurer, left the city four days ago, taking with him a considerable chunk of the county funds. The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, now making the annual examination of the books, found several errors, but refused to state the amount. Treasurer Bliss intimates that Dixon is in Canada. He says he would like to prosecute, but does not expect to get a chance. He believes, in spite of the fact that a woman of bad repute. He left a young wife here.

ONE OF THE GUESSEMS SIGHTS.
One of the examples was that of Miss Anna Seilheimer. Her mother sat waiting for her to come home, and in this way many a woman of bad repute. He left a young wife here.



Dr. Reed, Whose Body is Still on the Debris.



Samuel Brown, a Well-Known Victim.